**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
**SPACE**
**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3892
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HONOURING OF KALPANA CHAWLA
NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE

**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to name any satellite in the memory of the First Indian Woman Astronaut, Kalpana Chawla; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Prime Minister announced on February 5, 2003 that the exclusivemeteorological series of satellites, (METSATs)would be named as KALPANA. Accordingly, the first satellite in the series, METSAT-1, whichwas launched on September 12, 2002, has been named as KALPANA-1.